

perform their spring play on Thursday, April 19. Originally, the play was to have two performance, one on Friday, April 13 and one on Saturday, April 14 but with the winter storm, both nights were cancelled. This year's spring play was Hillbilly Reunion by Tim Kelly and was about a princess...a fabulous jewel...and some hillbilly relatives....what could possibly go wrong with that combo? The students worked hard the weeks leading up to the play and did a terrific job performing. Hillbilly Reunion was directed by Ms. Julia Garms and Ms. Megan Hoffmann and included students in grades 7-12. Great job CM Drama Department!



















Mr. Robert Tews
SUPERINTENDENT

Year End Positives

Cedar Mountain has enjoyed many positives this past year. Here is a short list of just some of the positives happening at CM.

- The Cedar Mountain preschool program continues to be a 4 Star Parent Aware program! This allows our school to qualify to receive Pathway II Scholarships again for this year! Parent Aware shows everyone that our program has assessments, curriculum and training that is approved by the Minnesota Department of Education.
- One to one learning continues to grow at Cedar Mountain. Students in grades 6-12 all have a Chromebook, and all elementary classes have access to iPad carts.
- Cedar Mountain hosts many events through the year, including: Fall Open House, Parent/Teacher Conferences, Student Orientations, Homecoming Week Activities, Concerts, Book Fairs, Farmers Market, Student of the Week, Grandparents Day, Field Trips, States Fair, Year End Dance, Blood Drives, Veterans' Day program, and the list goes on and on.
- Cedar Mountain FFA members Brooke Hoffbeck and Trenna Jeppesen were elected Region FFA officers. Brooke will be the Region V FFA President for 2018-2019. Trenna Jeppesen will be the Region V FFA Director for 2018-2019. Both Brooke and Trenna also received their State FFA Degrees in April.
- Cedar Mountain sixth grade students attended a College Expo with 450 other 6th graders from 6 area schools on March 27 in Marshall. Craig Hillier was the main motivational speaker and students had a college tour, lunch and participated in team building and fun activities led by the Education Minnesota students from SMSU.
- Cedar Mountain teacher Charlotte Hoffmann was nominated as a 2017-18 National Life Group "LifeChanger of the Year". The LifeChanger of the Year program recognizes and rewards K-12 school employees who make a positive difference in the lives of students!
- We are planning a Ford Drive 4 UR School event on Thursday, May 10 from 3:30 until 7:00 PM. Our goal is to raise funds for our school scholarship fund. This is a one day event sponsored by Kohls Weelborg Ford. We get money based on how

many test drives are taken by students (need a license), staff, and community members. We can earn up to \$6,000.

- Cedar Mountain offers many athletic and academic opportunities to students. This includes: volleyball, football, cross country, wrestling, boys and girls basketball, spirit squad, dance, golf, tennis, softball, baseball, track, FFA, Knowledge Bowl, Mock Trial, National Honor Society, Speech, Blue Crue (student council), WE (Women Empowerment), STARS (students thinking about responsible solutions), Yellow Ribbon Suicide Prevention Program, Blue Crue Tue (elementary student council), School Play, elementary Triple A program, and Community Education activities.
- Students are able to access additional learning options through the PLATO program. Plato gives students more flexibility as to when they can take a class and the ability to personalize their education in ways that haven't been possible in the past.
- The Instant Alert notification system is used to communicate information and reminders to parents and students throughout the year. We have had many opportunities to use Instant Alert this school year. It was also used throughout the year to share information on school events and relay school calendar reminders to families.
- As a school, we continue to count on parents to support their children and encourage them to do their best throughout the year. The involvement of parents in academics is vital to the success of their children in school. Thank you to all our parents for showing an interest in school and being open-minded and respectful when you have questions or things are unclear. Especially, thank you for entrusting your child to us.
- This year, Cedar Mountain switched from the JMC program to the Infinite Campus student information system. A big part of the reason for this change is the parent access part of the program. There is more information available to parents (lunch balances and grades), and parents have the ability to pay athletic fees and for lunch online.
- I want to recognize the hard work, dedication, and commitment of our staff at Cedar Mountain. The staff at Cedar Mountain has worked every day to provide an excellent education to our students. Thank you, Cedar Mountain staff members.









Friday, April 6th marked Cedar Mountain's 4th Annual State Fair, led by fourth grade teacher Mr. Babbitt – and it was a huge success! Several hundred people walked past the fourth grader's projects and learned about their states, tasted some delicious foods, and admired their creative costumes. It was a fun eight weeks as students prepared and lots of hard work was accomplished. Great job, fourth graders!!





Mrs. P. Machart Elementary PRINCIPAL

Elementary News

Spring is finally here --- and with it comes end of the year excitement! Spring is also a time when we reflect on this year and start planning for the next. Here are some things we have been working on:

- Our staff have taken technology to the next level! Schoology, IXL individualized learning in math and reading, green screen production in 4th grade, and skyping with neighboring schools in 1st grade have been highlights!! With a device for each child, students have increased their AR points, math fact drills are more fun, and See-Saw has become a favorite app for many of our primary grade parents!
- Along with the children learning, our

teachers have been studying all year long too! Each Monday we met before school in Professional Learning Groups and have been learning about and applying the steps for a Standards Based Grading system. Standards-based grading means student performance is evaluated based on standards that have clearly defined levels of proficiency. Standards are what students should know and be able to do in a certain grade level or content area. Our goal is to be able to measure student's learning and to better communicate to parents how your children are doing on specific standards in each subject area. We will be sharing much more information with you in the future.

• Our school building will be bustling this summer! We are excited about our School Aged Daycare that will be offered in the elementary! We hope that this fills a need that our families were looking for and provides a safe and fun environment for children! We also look forward to seeing many children as they join us for free lunch and snack that will be served daily to children!

- We will be saying goodbye to our janitor, Ron Louisiana! After 30 years of service, Ron will be retiring in July! We wish him the best and thank him for his years of maintaining our building!
- Although we all look forward to summer vacation we also look forward to a new year with new possibilities! You can expect a letter from your child's teacher in mid-August bus routes and information will be sent home in late August.

Have an enjoyable summer!

READ...RELAX...and enjoy the time with your children!

CEDAR MOUNTAIN FFA UPDATES

The CM FFA Chapter has had a busy winter! Members recently attended the MN State FFA Convention, held April 22-24 on the U of M campus. Many members competed in various CDE's (Career Development Events) throughout the year, with the top teams / individuals advancing to state. We also had two individuals participate in the Ag Policy Experience at the capital and two members receive their state degrees.

PROFICIENCY AWARDS

Kaitlyn Lorang - 1st at regions and 2nd at state in Poultry Production Proficiency Brooke Hoffbeck — 1st at regions and 3rd at state in the Ag Services Proficiency

Luke Mages - 8th at regions in Beef Entrepreneurship Michael Tauer - 3rd at regions in Diversified Livestock

Trenna Jeppesen - 3rd at regions in Poultry Production Mya Mathiowetz - 5th at regions in Poultry Production

Rosalyn Madsen - 1st at regions in Vegetable Production

CROPS TEAM: Brooke Hoffbeck, Rosalyn Madsen, Kaitlyn Lorang and Austin Christensen (Coached by Chad Hoffbeck) — 3rd at regions and 11th at state.

CREED: Lily Krogstad – 2nd at regions and competed at state

PARILMENTRY PROCEDURE TEAM: Rosalyn Madsen, Kaitlyn Lorang, Trenna Jeppesen, Michael Tauer, Mya Mathiowetz and Brooke Hoffbeck — 3rd at regions and competed at state.

AG MECHANICS TEAM: Chase Kerkhoff, Treston Mathiowetz, Michael Tauer, Damian Weiss, Luke Mages and Mathew Zeug (Coached by Tony Mages) — 2nd at regions and 20th at state.

FLORICULTURE TEAM: Lydia Sullivan, Ashley Rothmeier, Evelyn Schumacher, Megan Sandgren, Maddi Mages, Lauren Zeug, Heather Lemke (coached by Talana Mathiowetz)

STATE DEGREES: Brooke Hoffbeck and Trenna Jeppesen

AG POLICY EXPERIENCE — State Capital - Trenna Jeppesen and Mya Mathiowetz

MEATS: Ashley Rothemeier, Cierra Spaeth, Wyatt Guggisberg, Lydia Sullivan, Heather Lemke — 5th at regions.

DAIRY HANDLING: Torie Lemke — 4th at regions and competed at state

DAIRY JUDGING: Lauren Zeug competed at regions.

Congratulations to all our FFA students. We are proud of you.









Preschool Celebration☆

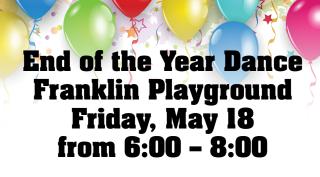
Monday May 21 @ 6:30 PM
Elementary School Gymnasium in Franklin



join US Cedar Mountain Kindergarten Celebration

May 25 at 2:00 p.m.

Elementary Gym in Franklin



All elementary and pre-school families are invited! Celebrate the end of the year with our **Cedar Mountain families and** enjoy supper, dancing, and fun!

Special Guest Day

MANY grandparents and special guests joined the Cedar Mountain Elementary students for the annual Grandparents and Special Person Day! Students and their guests participated together in several activities around the school. Tossing beanbags in the gym, painting rocks, taking silly photos, and playing musical chairs kept them busy. Students also read with their guests, interviewed them about what school was like at their age, played games, and showed them how we use technology to learn. What a fun day!













FRED Night

Dads and kids had a great time at our Annual FRED (Fathers Read Every Day) Night! Mr. Guetter, an elementary teacher, shared with the crowd a book that he has written and hopes to publish one day. Then, the Wild Goose Chase began! Families worked together in teams in a digital scavenger hunt! They had to take pictures of their team from tallest to shortest, build a pyramid 3 people high and photograph it, take a video of a dance line doing 10 high kicks...... and much more! They had 35 minutes to complete their "mission"! What creativity and excitement and laughter!! The night included root beer floats, a free book for each child, door prizes and lots of FUN!











Congratulations to Ron Louisiana on his retirement from Cedar Mountain Elementary. Ron has been a janitor at Franklin site for 30 years. He takes great pride in the upkeep of the building and enjoys being around the children at school. Throughout the years he enjoyed the variety of the tasks of his job and found each day was a new adventure. During Ron's tenure, the old portion of the school was demolished and the new addition was added in 2000.

In his free time he is planning to hunt and fish more and take care of his new grandchild!

Best wishes to you, Ron!

National is May 8 Day

It is the perfect time to show your appreciation to all the educators that work with your children. In education, as in life, success and fulfillment depend on family, school, and community working together as one. Independently, as teachers, administrators, support staff, and parents we strive to do the best for our children, yet, together we can make a difference!!!

Thanks for your continued support of Cedar Mountain School!





Mr. R. Brandl High School PRINCIPAL

Middle / High School

As each school year draws to a close, we say farewell to our graduating seniors. We wish each and every senior the very best as they transition into a new and exciting phase of their young lives. We hope that the experiences that they have had at Cedar Mountain have prepared them to be successful in whatever path life takes them. Thank you to both the students and their parents for the efforts that they have made as we work together to provide a high quality education.

As we reflect on the 2017-2018 school year, the students and staff have accomplished a great amount and have a lot to be proud of. Cedar Mountain has made great strides academically as we prepare our students for life after high school. Our students made tremendous progress in the classroom and also made us extremely proud with

their successes in extra-curricular activities. Students at Cedar Mountain were able to see firsthand that end result is nearly always tied to the effort that they have put in. We are excited to use the experiences of the 2017-2018 school year as we prepared to be even better in the coming year.

Next year will bring about some changes at Cedar Mountain that will truly benefit our students. We are excited about some new course offerings and programs that will be made available to our student starting right away in the fall. Classes such as College Art, Criminology, Work Based Learning, Medical Science and Advanced Biology will now be offered for our high school students. Middle school students will see a curriculum change that will offer them Coding and Computer Applications. All of these changes are in place to help meet the needs of our students in an ever changing world. We look forward to sharing the other various positive changes with you at "Back to School Night" in the fall.

Thank you for your continued support of Cedar Mountain Schools. We hope you have a great summer! Go Cougars!

SOPHOMORE Skits

This was the thirteenth year of the sophomore skits. This year the sophomore class used the Mo Willems' Elephant and Piggie books as inspiration. The sophomores create a script based off of a book, create a set, and perform the skits in front of an audience. The skits were performed on March 15.









Prom 2018 Enchanted Garden





CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATING CLASS OF 2018



Emma Auslam Ridgewater College



Alexis Ball Undecided



Erica Bock U of M, Twin Cities



Sarah Daub SMSU or MN West



Katelyn Green South Dakota State University



Cody Haas Work



Hannah Hacker Ridgewater College



Emily Hammerschmidt S. Central Tech



Abby Jemmings College of St. Benedict



Branden Jeppeson Minnesota West



Connor Johanneck Minnesota State University, Mankato



Makenzie Kerkhoff South Dakota State University



Jordan Kevelin Winona State University



Carter Kleinschmidt Minnesota State University, Mankato



Natkrita "Punch" Kunlokaya Return to Thailand



Matt Larsen South Dakota State University



Brandon Leenerts Ridgewater College



Heather Lemcke Ridgewater College



Torie Lemcke Southwest Technical Institute



Peyton Loken Maricopa Community College, Mesa, AZ



Natalie Lough Undecided



Russell Lumbar Work



Chris Malecek Ridgewater



Derek Marlow Minnesota West



Mya Mathiowetz Minnesota State University, Mankato



Zach Mogard Work



Annie Montenegro Work



Ben Nissen University of Minnesota, Duluth



Summer Nomeland Ridgewater College



Taylor Rose Ridgewater College



Kayley Spaeth Bethany Lutheran College, Mankato



Becca Tietz University of Minnesota, Morris



Brady Valentin Minnesota West



Kylie Wersal South Dakota State University



Josh Wolling Minnesota West, Jackson



Lauren Zeug Augustana University

Commencement 2018

Date: Friday, June 1, 2018

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Cedar Mountain MS/HS Gym

About our Class

Flower: **Carnation**

Quote: **"We may not have it all together,** but together we have it all"

Color: Dark Purple • White • Silver

Spring Fling



Spring Fling Week was held the week of April 9 at CM MS/HS. Blue Crue sponsored the event and planned many fun activities, including dress up days, locker decorating contests and an outdoor movie (with backup plan to be held indoors if weather didn't cooperate), however, nobody would have expected it to be cancelled/postponed due to the pending snowstorm! Oh well, students didn't let a little snow in April crash their Spring Fling.



Monday: PJ Day Tuesday: Twins/MN Twins Day Wednesday: Flower Power/Tye Dye Day

Thursday: Spring Sports Day Friday: Disaster Day



Cedar Mountain student volunteers hosted a Blood Drive on Wednesday, April 25. Student volunteers helped welcome donors with a smile, calmed the fears of new donors and provided refreshments and conversation following a donor's donation. The drive's student volunteers were Erica Bock, Abby Jemmings, Jordan Kevelin, Heather Lemcke, Torie Lemcke, Ben Nissan, Becca Tietz, and Lauren Zeug and their coordinator was Ann Vote.





Thank you to our community members, staff members and students for making the effort to save a life.

Nurse's Nook



Upcoming Kindergartners & 7th graders

Immunizations are to be completed before the start of school Check the CM website for

more information www.cms.mntm.org

Attention all Juniors

Courselor's The 4th quarter is underway here at Cedar Mountain. One thing that is open to juniors and seniors in high school is Post-Secondary Enrollment Options. PSEO is a program that allows students to earn both high school and college credit while still in high school, through enrollment in and successful completion of college-level, nonsectarian courses at eligible participating postsecondary institutions. We currently offer PSEO courses that can be completed online. Students need a 3.0 GPA and as a junior they need to be in the top 1/3 of their class. Seniors need to be in the top 1/2. See Mr. Palokangas for more info. Course registration is underway at the high school as well. Our course registration guide is up on the website as well, under the high school links. This guide has all the classes offered to students in grades 9-12 along with course descriptions. There is also other important high school information in there. Lastly, be sure to look at all the links on my page, if you go to the school webpage, and click directory under high school, my name is on page 4. There are links that have information just for parents so be sure to check that out. Have a great rest of the school year!

COUGAR Cub Child Care Center

For more information please contact Jody Rose, Director 507-276-1805



Early Childhood Development

2018-19 - Preschool Options

We are now taking registrations for our Cedar Mountain preschool programs in both Franklin and Morgan for the 2018-19 school year! Registration forms and more information about each program are available from the preschool teachers or online on the school website at www.cms.mntm.org under the Community Programs tab. If you would like more information, please contact:

Rachel Krenz – Franklin Preschool Teacher rkrenz@cedarmt.org 557-2251 Sarah Sullivan – Morgan Preschool Teacher ssullivan@cedarmt.org 249-5990

Class Name: 3 Year Old (AM) School Readiness Class

This class is offered in Franklin & Morgan and is for students who are entering Kindergarten in 2020-21.

Days & Time: Mondays & Wednesdays from 8:30 AM – 11:00 AM

Cost: \$60 per month - billed the month prior to services (scholarships are available to those who qualify)

Location: Morgan & Franklin

Class Name: 4 Year Old (PM) School Readiness Class

This class is offered in Franklin & Morgan and is for students who are entering Kindergarten in 2019-20.

Days & Time: Mondays & Wednesdays from 12:45 PM – 3:15 PM

Cost: \$60 per month - billed the month prior to services (scholarships are available to those who qualify)

Location: Morgan & Franklin





Kindergarten Jumpstart • Franklin Site

This program will be held all day every other Friday in Franklin for Cedar Mountain students going to kindergarten in 2019-20. This class will help prepare your child for kindergarten by teaching various routines such as using the lunchroom, visiting specialists in other parts of the building such as Phy. Ed, computer lab, library etc..., emphasis will also be on letter recognition, phonemic awareness, and math skills to prepare for the transition to kindergarten. Transportation is unique to this program, you will work with your child's teacher to plan a smooth transition for your child.

Days: Every other Friday **Time:** 8:20 AM – 3:20 PM

Cost: \$20 per session – billed the month prior to services (*scholarships are available to those who qualify*)

Fun Friday • Morgan Site

This is a mixed aged class for 3 & 4 year olds and will be offered every Friday in Morgan. This is a literacy based program and each day will be set up around a "book of the day" theme. Transportation will be provided between the schools in Franklin & Morgan for no charge. This is for students who will be attending kindergarten in 2020-21 or those not in Jumpstart.

Days: Fridays

Time: 8:30 AM – 11:00 AM

Cost: \$30 per month - billed the month prior to services (scholarships are available to those who qualify)

IMAGINATION LIBRARY comes to the Cedar Mountain Area

Imagination Library is a program that gives children 5 and under a free book each month and is shipped directly to the child's home. Dolly Parton believes in the importance of educational opportunities, in hopes of inspiring a love of reading and learning from a young age. Dolly Parton started the Imagination Library Program in 1995 in her home county in Tennessee, and it grew to the remaining United States and even across oceans. Our Imagination Library program serves the local Cedar Mountain area.

Dolly Partons IMAGINATION LIBRARY

If you would like to register your child or have any questions please contact Beke Krenz at (507) 587-8193, cmareaimaginationlibrary@outlook.com or go to imaginationlibrary.com to print a registration form.

community Education / Youth Activities

SUMMER YOUTH ACTIVITIES

We are excited to have the cities of Franklin and Morgan along with Cedar Mountain Community Education teaming up to offer summer programming for our youth this summer again!

Look for brochures to be sent home from school soon!

Some of the programs being offered include:

- · Arts, Sports & Activities
- · Fieldtrip to Stages Theater to see Madagascar
- Trip to the Children's Museum in Mankato
- · Painting in the Park
- Water Wednesdays
- Movie Days
- TWINS Game
- Theater Camp
- Pottery Class
- Robotics

More information about the programs offered and registration information can be found online at www.cms.mntm.org. All registrations will be done online as well.

To register:

- 1. Go to the school website: www.cms.mntm.org
- 2. Click on Community Programs
- 3. Click Community Education
- 4. Follow the link to Community Rec Registration Form
- 5. Complete online form
- 6. Send payment to CM Community Ed, PO Box 188, Morgan, MN 56266 or return to the school office in Franklin/Morgan.
- 7. Please send payment in immediately following online registration. Questions can be sent to Sarah Sullivan at ssullivan@cedarmt.org
 All notices and changes for events will be posted on the Community Ed and CM Elementary Facebook pages. Be sure to "Like" these pages so you can stay up to date on changes, weather related announcements etc...

Summer @ Camp Cougar

June 11-August 24

Monday- Friday 6:45am-5:30 pm

This summer students will have the opportunity to spend their days having a great time with their friends in a safe and fun environment. Camp Cougar will be based out of the Elementary school in Franklin and will be for children in grades K-5 (2017-18 School Year). Children do NOT need to attend CM School to participate in the summer program. Students who attend Camp Cougar will also be able to participate in Summer Rec and the Lead and Learn Academy, together these programs will make this summer a fun and memorable time for your child. Summer Rec activities will be offered at a reduced rate to Camp participants and the Lead and Learn Academy is a free program. Students will also have a great time playing games indoors and outdoors, going to the pool, doing arts and crafts, experiments and other enrichment activities. Students will receive FREE lunch and afternoon snack from the summer lunch program and will receive a FREE morning snack provided by Camp Cougar.



CM Schools is excited to begin offering school aged childcare this summer which will continue through the school year. Michelle Thooft, who has been a teacher at CM Elementary for many

years, will be the program director. Michelle also has previous experience in running a school aged childcare program which will be a great asset to our program. The school aged childcare program

Coming this SUMMER to CMS

will go by the name "Camp Cougar" which better describes the fun and exciting activities that are being planned for our kids!

Coming Fall 2018..

Camp Cougar Before

and After School

Childcare!

If you are interested in learning more about Camp Cougar contact Director, Michelle Thooft at mthooft@cedarmt.org or call her at 507-557-2251. Registration is open and can be found on the Cedar Mountain website under the Childcare tab.

For more information about Community Ed, contact Sarah at ssullivan@cedarmt.org or 249-5990

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POSTAL PATRON

Starting June 11th

FREE Summer Meals in Franklin

Where: Franklin Elementary, 231 4th Ave. E, Franklin MN What: Lunch and Afternoon Snack, sponsored by Cedar Mountain Schools, partnering with the USDA through the Summer Food Service Program.

When: June 11th-August 24th • NO MEALS ON JULY 4. All children 18 & Under or Individuals over 19 Who:

with a documented IEP

Lunch: Monday-Friday • 11am-12pm Snack: Monday-Friday • 2pm-3pm

THERE ARE NO INCOME REQUIREMENTS OR **REGISTRATION NEEDED, JUST SHOW UP!!**

Transportation will be provided from Morgan to Franklin each day, based on participation numbers. Bus departure time will be 11am.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL 507-249-5990.

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CEDAR MOUNTAIN SCHOOLS 2018-19 SCHOOL CALENDAR

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Aug. 28	Open House
Sept. 4	First day of school
-	No School
Oct. 18, 19	ED MN Break-No School
Nov. 13, 15, 19	Parent/Teacher Conf. (Evenings)
Nov. 16	Early Dismissal – 12:10
	Early Dismissal – 12:10
	Thanksgiving Break
	Winter Break
	School resumes
	Teacher In-Service (No School)
	Presidents' Day (No School)
	Early Dismissal – 12:10
	. Parent/Teacher Conf. (12:30-6:30)
	No School
	Early Dismissal – 12:10
	Early Dismissal – 12:10
	Spring Break (No School)
	Memorial Day (No School)
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Summer Hours

Office Hours

The MS/HS and Elementary office will be closed Fridays, starting June 15 - August 17.

The offices are also closed June 25 through July 20.

Hours are 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.